

Maj Gen Sir Andrew Mitchell Stuart (1861-1936)[3] Detailed List Section 1

Correspondence Lt. A.M. Stuart to his family 1884-87

- 1/1 1884 Dec 20 To his father. Korti. Describes a journey recently completed made in company with Piggott a Reuters correspondent, to check the telegraph line between Dongola and Debba. And from there to Korti to open an office. Mentions units met on the road and encamped at Korti. Also other officers. MS 12 pp.
- 1/2 1885 Jan 3 To his mother. Korti. Family news. Mentions the preparations being made against Shendi by land, and the boats being sent up river to attack Berber and to make a reprisal raid on the billers of Colonel Stewart. News of other officers. MS 4 pp + envelope.
- 1/3 1885 Jan 9 To his mother. Merawi. Describes his journey to Merawi from Korti to arrange the extension of the telegraph to Hamdab. Preparations for the 'final' march across the desert including the capture of Gakdu on the road from Ambukol to Shendi. R.E. strength in the expedition. Uniform of Mahdi's men. Composition of the desert Brigade and the river party and their objective. Difficulty of the river after Hamdab. The Mudir's forces at Hamdab described. News of other officers, inc. Col. Stewart of the Intelligence Corps. MS 16 pp + envelope.
- 1/4 1885 Jan 13 To his brother, Ramsay. Merawi. His work, particularly extending the telegraph from Merawi to Hamdab. Problems of supply, both for himself and the expedition. The expedition's progress. Merits of camels. Information on R.A. units and officers, MS 8 pp [Incomplete].
- 1/5 1885 Jan 23 To his mother, Handab. Reports that the telegraph line is finished but is to be abandoned. Reaction to the news of General Stewart's battle at Abu Klea. Composition of [General Earle's] Nile column and its future movements. Family news. MS 8 pp.
- 1/6 1885 Feb 8 To his father. Korti. Family and home news. MS 3 pp + envelope.
- 1/7 1885 Feb 15 To his father, Korti. His work. News of the fall of Khartoum and Wolseley's plans for continuing the campaign. Report on the plans for supplying the forces, maintaining communications, the future movements of Gen. Earle's Nile column and estimate of the size and quality of the Mahdi's forces. His work. News of other officers. Family news. MS 12 pp.

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- 1/8 1855 Feb 15 To his brother, Ramsay. Korti. Request for some necessary supplies to be sent to him and list given. Family news. MS 6 pp.
- 1/9 1885 Feb 15 To his mother. Korti. Family news. Account of fall of Khartoum. His work and his senior officer [Webber] . Lord Wolseley's Expedition still not started. Warning to his mother not to show his letters to anyone. MS 8 pp.
- 1/10 1885 Mar 3 To his mother, Debba. Camp life. News of the progress of Generals Brackenbury and Buller. [Gen.Rt.Hon. Sir Henry . and Gen. Rt.Hon. Sir Redvers]. Demoralised state of the forces in the desert campaign before the fall of Khartoum, and how he thinks the reconquest of the Sudan will be achieved. Feeling that the government is not whole heartedly in favour of reconquest. His plan if British troops were to be withdrawn. Rumours of future dispositions. Family news. MS 12 pp + envelope.
- 1/11 1885 Mar 9/10 To his mother. Debba. Camp life. News of other officers, and Villiers 'The Graphic' artist. Sinking of the Nile steamship Massif Kheir. Summer camps and the problems of building them. Return of troops after recall. Comment on the political scene. Family news. MS. 16 pp + envelope.
- 1/12 1885 Apr 6 To his mother. Debba. Lord Wolseley gone to Cairo and [Sir Evelyn Wood] taken command of the expeditionary force. Wood's bodyguard and staff [Sir Owen Lauyon, Kitchener, and A.D.C.] Other officers in the garrison. Rations and local supplies. Retirement of his chief [Maj. Gen. C.E. Webber] and the reasons. Telegraph office opened at Abu Gussie and meets commander of camp, Col. Wolseley. Contrasted with Kurot camp and Gen. Brackenbury. Wood's 'palace', being built by Kitchener. Family news. MS 16 pp.
- 1/13 1885 Apr 26 To his father. Debba. Expeditionary force to be withdrawn. Mudir of Dongola deposed. His own movements. Methods of cleaning water from the Nile. State of building at [Kurot] camp contrasted with that at Abu Gussie. Boats on the Nile. Family news. MS 16 pp.
- 1/14 1885 May 31 To his mother. Serra . On way to Aswan inspecting the telegraph line. Dongola province being abandoned. Troops to remain in lower Egypt. Lists camps already evacuated. MS 4 pp.
- 1/15 1885 Jun 6 To his father. Korosko. Travelling to Aswan. Feels he will not get leave for some time. MS 4 pp + envelope

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- 7/16 1885 Jun 10 To his mother. Aswan. Family news. Purchases some antiquities. Dealings with natives. MS 10 pp + envelope.
- 1/17 1885 Jun 23/24 To his brother, Ramsay. Aswan. Nile Frontier Force. Composition of Aswan garrison. Continuing troop withdrawals. Level of the Nile rising. Camp life. Request for more supplies and the 'Engineer'. Personal and family news. MS 16 pp [3rd missing].
- 1/18 1885 Jun 24 To his mother. Aswan. Family and home news. Continued troop withdrawals. Major [AJ] Hepper appointed CRE of NFF. MS 11 pp.
- 1/19 1885 Jul 2 To his mother. Aswan. Troops all withdrawn except those remaining as NFF. Fighting removed in Dongola. Troop and stores movements stopped. Gordon rumoured alive. General Brackenburg suggested commander of the NFF. Comments on General Buller. News of other officers and units. Camp life. MS 15 pp.
- 1/20 1885 Jul 8 To his sister. Aswan. Dongola town abandoned. News of other officers. Family news. MS 9 pp + envelope.
- 1/21 1885 Jul 28 To his father. Wadi Halfa. News of other officers. Family news. General [Grenfell?] in camp busy. MS 7pp
- 1/22 1885 Aug 3 To his father Wadi Halfa. General Grenfell in camp. C.O. [Bennet] and 40 men have left Assonan for Cairo. Casualties in West Kent Regiment. Elected to Army and Navy Club. Family news. MS 6 pp + envelope.
- 1/23 1885 Aug 30 To his mother. Wadi Halfa. Brig. Butler still absent. Tour of inspection to Akasha. Activities of General Grenfell, new, O.C. NFF. Reports of Mahdi's forces. Camp life. Campaign medal. Army and Navy Club. News of other officers. Family news. Comment on natives. MS 16 pp + envelope.
- 1/24 1885 Sep 7 To his father. Wadi Halfa. Army and Navy Club. Family news. Brig Gen. Butler returns ten days AWOL. Egyptian troops sent up river by boat to investigate reports of insurgent activity. Egyptian government anxious to take back Dongola province. Camp life. Major Hepper at Assonan. MS 4 pp + envelope.

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- 1/25 1885 Sep 14 To his mother. Wadi Halfa. Camp life. Family news. General [Sir Fred. C.] Stephenson expected on tour of inspection. MS 10 pp + envelope.
- 1/26 1885 Oct 21 To his mother. Aswan, C.R.E. of the NFF., district RE officer at Aswan and in charge of telegraphs. General Stephenson discussed. Family news. MS 11 pp + envelope.
- 1/27 1885 23/24 To his mother, Wadi Halfa. Troops moving to Wadi Halfa; attributed to Wolseley. Dervish activity. Butler on reconnoissance. Family news. Camp life. MS 8 pp + envelope.
- 1/28 1885 Dec 6 To his father. Wadi Halfa. Confrontation between Gen. [Viscount Frankfort de] Montmorency's force and dervishes. Later expedition fails to make contact. Movement and size of force. Inspects abandoned dervish camp. Comments on Gen de Montmorency. Family news. Camp life. MS 12 pp + envelope.
- 1/29 1885 Dec 29 To his mother. Wadi Halfa. Report of plan to attack dervishes at Kosheh. Christmas. Family news. News of other officers. Successful close of Burmah campaign reported. MS 9 pp + envelope.
- 1/30 1886 Feb 1 To his mother Wadi Halfa. Camp life. Speculation on government policy and medals. His staff. News of other officers. Mrs. Butler (née Thompson), painting Wadi Halfa. Family news. MS 7 pp + envelope.
- 1/31 1886 Jul 10/12 To his mother. S.S. Geelong. News of other officers. Personal news. MS 4 pp [End missing] + envelope.
- 1/32 [1886 Jul?] [To his mother]. [Cairo?]. Family news. Leaving for Aswan. MS 4 pp [End of letter].
- 1/33 1886 Jul 15 To his father. Cairo. Posted to Aswan. News of General Election and other officers. Col. Montmorency commands at Aswan. Family news. MS 8 pp.
- 1/34 1886 Jul 28/29 To his mother. Aswan. Family news. Troop movements. News of other officers and camp life. Garrison strength. Reports that Col. Montmorency to command NFF. Denies home newspaper accounts of troops missing. MS 10 pp + envelope.
- [1886 Aug Envelope addressed to Miss Stuart [his sister]. No letter.]

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- 1/35 1886 Aug 5 To his mother. Aswan. Trouble with his men. Family news. Camp life. References to Gens. Montmorency and Davies. News of other officers. Camp building project. MS 12 pp + envelope.
- 1/36 [1886] Sep 2 To his mother. Aswan. Is going to Luxor. Camp life. News of other officers. Col. Leach commands the station. MS 7 pp + envelope.
- 1/37 [1886] Sep 16 To his sister. Aswan. His activities in and journey back from Luxor. List of antiquities that he has acquired and sent home. News of other officers. Camp life. Aside on Col. Leach. Family news. MS 14 pp + envelope.
- 1/38 1886 Sep 23 To his mother. Aswan. 7th Fusiliers ordered to Wadi Halfa then counter ordered. Reflections on the quietness of camp life. Lindsell to command Egyptian camel corps. Officers in Egyptian army. Gen de Montmorency. Family news. MS 10 pp.
- 1/39 1886 Sep 30 To his father. Aswan. Loss of all mail when the mail boat caught fire and was abandoned. General [Montmorency] gone up river for his health's sake. Weather. News of other officers. Family news. MS 8 pp + envelope.
- 1/40 1886 Oct 14 To his mother. Aswan. Family and personal news. Garrison at Wadi Halfa. Describes Schudy Pasha who is with Egyptian troops at Wadi. Garrison life. Speculations on future dispositions. MS 10 pp + envelope.
- 1/41 1886 Oct 21 To his mother. Aswan. Reports the despatch of 3 gunboats up river and that an Egyptian regiment is to follow. Montmorency active. Camp life. Change of personnel in the Telegraph section in Egypt. News of other officers. Family news. MS 8 pp + envelope.
- 1/42 1886 Nov 4 To his mother. Aswan. Family news, inc. brother Ramsey's appointment as staff Surveyor. Speculation that Aswan station will be closed. Hazards of the post. 2 Egyptian regiments to be sent up to Wadi. Doubts possibility of engagement with dervishes. Comments on Turner. MS 8 pp + envelope.
- 1/43 1886 Nov 17 To his mother. Aswan. Recovering from fever. Has additional men to look after. Dervishes at Wadi Halfa. Montmorency gone to reconnoitre up country, but his staff remain. Heffer to supervise defences of Wadi Halfa. Native troops to handle dervishes. Family news. MS 12 pp + envelope.

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- 1/44 1886 Nov 24 To his mother. Aswan. Reports appearance of few dervishes at Wadi Halfa and Montomrency had gone there. Going to Wadi Himsel. Family news. MS 11 pp + envelope.
- 1/45 1886 Dec 16 To his mother. Aswan. Back from Wadi. Personal news. Montomrency's generosity. Army to withdraw to Cairo. Rumour that half battalion will be left in Aswan. Unsure what will happen to his section (No. 4 T.B.R.E.). Repeats statement by his mother that the Directors of the Eastern Telegraph Company have arranged for their withdrawal because of Bagnold's interference with their monopolies. New regiment, 7th Royal Fusiliers, at Aswan. Comments on gazette for Burmah and Ginniss. Family. News. MS. 8 pp + envelope.
- 1/46 1886 Dec 23 To his mother. Aswan. Family news. Continuing troop reductions. His idea on what force should be left. News of other officers. MS. 8 pp + envelope.
- 1/47 1886 Dec 30 To his father. Aswan. Family news. Telegraph section to go home in the spring and 11 H Co. R.E. Frontier Field Force to be abolished. Other projected troop withdrawals. Camp life, including a B.M archaeologist and some tourists. Christmas in camp. MS. 12 pp.
- 1/48 1887 Jan 6 To his mother. Aswan. Family news. News of other officers. Reduction of garrison not proceeding quickly. Camp life. Mention again of the Egyptologist, E.A. Wallis Budge. MS. 8 pp + envelope.
- 1/49 1887 Jan 13 To his mother. Aswan. Composition of force to remain in Egypt settled. Telegraphs to remain. Rumours about dervishes. Family news. MS 7 pp + envelope.
- 1/50 1887 Jan 20 To his mother. Aswan. Camp life. News of other officers. Family news. MS 7 pp + envelope.
- 1/51 1887 Jan 27 To his father. Aswan. Family news. The Telegraph Section almost certain to form part of the Army of Occupation. Reduction of garrison continuing. Details of troop movements and the garrison to stay. Comment on the commissariat. Camp life. Montomrency to command at Alexandria as Major-General. MS 12 pp + envelope.

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- 1/52 1887 Feb 3 To his mother. Aswan. 11th Co. KE ordered to Cairo. Is to take over duties of CRE, FFF [Field Frontier Force]. News of other officers.
- 1/53 1887 Feb 10 To his mother. Aswan. Continuing uncertainty over personal movement. Is CRE, Aswan. Estimate of when troop withdrawals will be completed. RECD[11 Hussars] start home, but all officers to have other foreign postings. Montmorency mentioned. Family and personal news. MS 8 pp + envelope.
- 1/54 1887 Feb 17 To his mother. Aswan. Montmorency leaving for Alexandria on 18.2.87. Withdrawal continues. It has been decided to withdraw the telegraph section. Family news. MS 6 pp + envelope.
- 1/55 1887 Feb 24 To his mother. Aswan. Is surviving RE officer in Aswan. 7th Fusiliers the last regiment in camp. Negotiations for handing over the telegraphs to Egyptians continues. Personal and family news. Note dated 9.3.87 Leith added by Ramsay [Stuart] MS. 7 pp + envelope.
- 1/56 1887 Mar 3 To his mother. Aswan. No change. Describes work on lifting a statue of Rameses being carried out by Bagnold. Personal and family news. MS 7 pp.
- 1/57 1887 Mar 10 To his mother. Aswan. Still speculating on time of withdrawal. Camp life. Family news. MS 6 pp + envelope.
- 1/58 1887 Mar 15 To his mother. Aswan. Travelling to Halfa the next day by steamer. Three Russians will accompany him. Describes his kit. Hepper having left for Cairo, [Stuart] is CRE of FFF. Family news. Separate piece of paper with a quotation from Psalms C.III, V. 10. MS 5 pp + envelope.
- 1/59 1887 Mar 28^c To his mother. Wadi Halfa. Is returning to Aswan next day. Half the regiment has left but arrangements now changed and men will be divided between the two camps. His work on hospital at Wadi Halfa therefore wasted. Egyptian army have said they no longer need English army. Ramsay's application for R.A. Adjutancy at Cairo. Comments on staff at Cairo. MS 8 pp + envelope.

- 1/60 1887 Apr 21 To his mother. Aswan. Garrison now reduced to 200 men and 9 officers. Expects it to be relieved by Cheshire Regt. in a month. Conference sitting on possibility of returning telegraph wires to Egyptians. Ice making machines. 3 Dervishes passing through en route for Cairo with letters for Queen, Sultan and Khedive. Family news. MS 10 pp + envelope.
- 1/61 1887 May 12 To his mother. Aswan. Begun to move stores from Wadi Halfa and expects to go in two weeks. Talk of reducing garrison to 50 men. Hopes British garrison on the nucleus systems - one [man] of each rank-will be adopted. MS 4 pp + envelope.
- 1/62 [1887] Jun 4 To his mother. Cairo. Expects to remain fortnight. Has met Ramsay and others there. Bagnold robbed of 70 by one of his corporals. Family news. MS 4 pp + envelope.

Detailed List Section 3

- 3/1/1-8 1832 Mar 13 - Dec 4 Correspondence between Col. A.H. Bagnold, Stuart and the Secretary of the Institution of Royal Engineers about recollections of The Nile Expedition and articles in Military Telegraph Bulletin and elsewhere. 8 letters.
- 3/2/1-23 1934 Sep 3 -
1935 Aug 24 Correspondence between Lt. Col. E.W.C. Sandes (author of a history of The R.E. in Egypt and Sudan), Bagnold, and Stuart. 23 letters.
- 3/3 1935 Apr 1 Col A.H. Bagnold. 'Reminiscences of The Nile Expedition 1884-85 and After' with Appx III a secret message, 1885; Possibly the earliest instance of automatic transmission made use by the telegraph organization of any army. [Sent by Bagnold to Stuart with his letter of 24 July 1935].
Typed 10 pp.
- 3/4/1-6 [1934-5] Stuart. (1) Notes on Nile Telegraphs 1884-87. MS.
(2) outline of events Sept [1884] - Sept 1887 Nile Frontier Force. With typed copies
(3) Telegraph situation in Sudan Sept 1884.
(4) No. 4 Telegraph Section Nile Expedition 1884-87, Nile Frontier Force - Notes.
(5) Telegraphs of the Nile Expedition. With typed copies.